	Himachal Pradesh	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
7	Lahaul & Spiti	75	119	108
8	Mandi	N.R.	515	555
9	Shimla	186	327	331
10	Sirmour	180	292	374
11	Solan	83	407	402
12	Una	211	219	246
	TOTAL			
	Beneficiaries	**1331**	**3724**	**5196**
	No. of SC beneficiaries	683	1671	2751
	No. of ST beneficiaries	12	391	779

*N.R.—Not Reported

Statement-II

Year-wise statement showing total allocation and utilisation of funds under the scheme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) in Himachal Pradesh for the last five years.

Rs. in lakhs

Year	Total Allocation	Amount Utilised
1994-95	36.94	24.25
1995-96	76.00	31.89
1996-97	76.00	29.29
1997-98	76.61	75.24
1998-99	77.11	72.61

Poor implementation of RD Scheme

2257. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Country's rural population is reeling under acute hardships;

(b) what are the ongoing Central schemes in rural areas of the Country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the desired level of rural development could not be achieved so far, because of poor implementation of these schemes; and

(d) if so, how Government propose to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) As per the latest estimates of poverty for 1993-94 by the Planning Commission, 37.27% of the population in rural areas is below poverty line.

(b) Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) and National Social Assistance Programme are the major ongoing schemes in rural areas of the country;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government is constantly endeavouring to improve the effectiveness of the programmes for rural development.

Development of rural infrastructure

2258. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main fields where the Ministry of Rural Development is working for rural development;

(b) the Government's plan to develop rural infrastructure; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to develop agriculture and industry in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Rural poverty alleviation, Wasteland development and Rural drinking water supply and sanitation are the main fields where the Ministry of Rural Development is working for rural development.

(b) Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Watershed developments projects being implemented by the Ministry would help, inter alia, to develop rural infrastructure.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Poor implementation of land consolidation cases

2259. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of poor implementation of Land Consolidation Cases in States;